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Dear Mr Barnett,

Re: 35 - 37 High Street Shoreham-By-Sea West Sussex BN43 5DD

Thank you for your correspondence of the 24th April 2020, advising me of a planning application for Change of use of ground floor from bank (Use Class A2) to betting shop (Sui Generis) at the above location, for which you seek advice from a crime prevention viewpoint.

I have had the opportunity to examine the detail within the application and in an attempt to reduce the opportunity for crime and the fear of crime I offer the following comments.

The National Planning Policy Framework demonstrates the government's aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which are safe and accessible, so that crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion. With the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in Adur & Worthing district being average when compared with the rest of Sussex, I have no major concerns with the proposals, however, additional measures to mitigate against any identified local crime trends and site specific requirements should be considered.

I do have some concerns that the proposed trading hours of the betting shop until 22.00 hours Monday - Sunday may cause unreasonable harm to the amenity of adjoining residential properties, through noise and activity at unsocial hours due to customers congregating outside the premises whilst smoking. An earlier closing time should be considered.

I recommend that all doors and easily accessible windows conform to a minimum standard of at least PAS 24-2016 or its equivalent and are checked to ensure they are adequate and fit for purpose.

In order to protect the premises out of hours, I recommend a monitored intruder alarm system is fitted.

From a crime prevention perspective thought should be also given to site security including the siting of CCTV.
CCTV acts as a visual deterrent and can assist in potential offender identification should a crime occur.

Mr Barnett
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Further details regarding CCTV and Data Protection can be found at the Information Commissioners Office website at: https://icosearch.ico.org.uk/s/search.html?query=CCTV&collection=ico-meta&profile=_default

CCTV guidance for police requirements: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/378449/09-05-UK-Police-Requireme22835.pdf

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to comment.

The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 heightens the importance of taking crime prevention into account when planning decisions are made. Section 17 of the Act places a clear duty on both police and local authorities to exercise their various functions with due regard to the likely effect on the prevention of crime and disorder. You are asked to accord due weight to the advice offered in this letter which would demonstrate your authority's commitment to work in partnership and comply with the spirit of The Crime & Disorder Act.

Yours sincerely

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